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ask that you think very carefully about seeing if there are any mechanisms or ways and means in which you can help with your particular expertise or skill in saving your trees, in keeping your land green, in admitting by showing people that there was once a Dust Bowl here, by saying there were once no trees here, and if people in the Third World were actually here as I have been here and have seen it can happen, then they may think that if the United States and the State of Nevada which looks so affluent, so successful, can lick their problems, then they too can put their shoulders to the wheel and do it. But I think what we need is that feeling that people here care, that they are going to find mechanisms and ways of sharing their drive to green their state, but above all, keep greening your state because that is one less problem that we in the United Nations have to face. A green state, a part of the country where it works, gives us an example to show people we can go to Niger and say do you realize that that part of Sahiwal was once no different to the Dust Bowl, and if we can make some of their legislators understand what you have done, then we can help them do it. I am not talking about money. I am talking about a technique or a way of working that I don't know the answer for. When we did the program called "For Every Child a Tree", we were hoping that the children in affluent societies would say, all right, my parents have given me a tree, or my legislators have made it possible for me to have a tree, can I plant a matching tree in the Third World where a tree means the difference between survival and not surviving. We aren't talking about trees for shade. We are not talking about trees for beauty. We are talking about trees that hold the soil so that next year we can plant. We are talking about trees that hold the water table. We are talking about a lack of trees that makes the nomads go to bore holes and then turn those into deserts. I don't really know why I am here, but I am honored to be here. I don't if anything I have said gives you a feeling of that hungry need we have to have people involved in helping people find their own solutions. I only know that having been in Nebraska City, I think the fight can be won. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Mayruth Sarsfield. We appreciate it. We will move on back to LB 626.